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SUBJ: PRESIDENT BANDA'S TRAVEL TO UK (AND US?)

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1. PRESIDENT BANDA DEPARTED MALAWI FOR LONDON ON APRIL 11 FOR "PRIVATE VISIT" OF UNSPECIFIED LENGTH. BLANTYRE MEDIA APRIL 14 ANNOUNCED THAT PRES WOULD CALL ON QUEEN, PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN SECRETARY DURING COURSE OF LONDON STAY.

2. NO ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN MADE LOCALLY OF A POSSIBLE BANDA VISIT TO US AND OUR EFFORTS TO CONFIRM THAT SUCH A VISIT MIGHT TAKE PLACE HAVE BEEN UNAVAILING. ONLY INDICATORS ARE (1) MALAWI POLICE REQUEST FOR CONTINGENCY SECURITY ARRANGMENTS FOR POSSIBLE VISIT (HANDLED SY CHANNEL) AND (2) EXTERNAL AFFAIRS REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE WITH POSSIBLE AIRLINE ROUTING BLOOMINGTON-LONDON (REF A). FYI: MOST OF BANDA'S TRIPS ARE PLANNED WITH GREAT SEC-RECY AND LITTLE ADVANCE NOTICE SO THAT WE DO NOT BELIEVE WE CAN AT THIS POINT DESREGARD POSSIBILITY OF US TRIP.

3. FOR LONDON. SUGGEST IF POSSIBLE EMB ATTEMPT OBTAIN FROM MALAWI DELEGATION ACCOMPANYING PRES BANDA AS MUCH ADVANCE NOTICE AS POSSIBLE ON WHETHER TRIP TO US IS ON (OR OFF). STEVENSON

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